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Photo by Nancy Garcia

MAKING IT NEW--Art students Lamonte Blaylock and Julie Blakeman work on block prints. Instead of using the traditional material, linoleum, they carved their designs into scrap plastic bulletin board material. Art Instructor Charles Cavanaugh salvaged the materials from a local construction site. See related story Page 5.

Head Coach Wright plans to retire Dec. 31

Chris Stegman
Staff Writer

After 15 years of coaching Apache football Delton Wright, 55, announced his upcoming retirement Nov. 14. Wright compiled a 30-19-1 record during his last five years as head coach.

"It (retiring) was a heavily-thought decision that came down to personal reasons," Wright said "I thought it was time to step down."

"My retirement will go into effect on Dec. 31," Wright said. On that day TJC will lose three-time Coach of the Year in the Texas Junior College Football Association and the winner of two Shrine Bowls.

"Coaching has been a very rewarding experience for me," Wright said. "I'll always remember my players and the big games."

Asked what he considers his biggest win ever, he shyly grinned and said, "There have been so many good, big games,

but it would probably be when I beat Navarro in Corsicana my first year, which was instrumental for us getting into the Shrine Bowl. They were considered the team to beat and we went there and did it."

Coach Wright, a graduate of East Texas State University, has been coaching for 32 years.

"I came here in 1980 from Robert E. Lee High School, where I coached for 15 years also," Wright said. "There was an opportunity and I decided to move to the next level and give it a try."

"I really don't have any plans for after I retire," Wright says. "I'll probably just do nothing for a couple of months, and see what happens."

"I wish players and coaches that come behind me all of the luck in the world," Wright said. "I would also like to extend a big thanks to faculty and staff for helping me all of these years here at TJC."

Thieves ransack students' dorm room

Chris Stegman
Staff Writer

Marcellos Anderson received a disturbing phone call Nov. 4 while he was home in Houston. A TJC Campus Safety representative told him that his room in Bateman Hall had been burglarized.

"The thieves stole my television, CD's, clothes and even the blankets off of my bed," Anderson said. "Not only did they steal all of those things, but they ripped all of my posters off of the wall, and ransacked the rest of my room."

"I left (the dorm) at about 11 a.m. that Saturday to run some errands and returned at about 6 p.m. and found my room unlocked and rummaged," Anderson's roommate Terrence Currington said. "I called Campus Safety and they came over to investigate the scene."

The roommates find it hard to believe that no one saw the thief carrying televisions, CD's, blankets and clothes out of their rooms on a Saturday afternoon.

"It happened in the middle of the day," Anderson said.

"Somebody saw who took my stuff, but they're not talking."

"Neither of us nor Campus Safety have any idea who stole all of our things," Currington said. "I don't understand why she (the Campus Safety Officer) didn't take fingerprints or anything."

Campus Safety Officer Lynn Guthrie said about fingerprints, "It all depends on the circumstances. Sometimes we do and sometimes we don't."

Due to school policy, Currington said they were not

allowed to look in other dorm residents' rooms for their stolen belongings.

Thieves also broke into Braden Warns room in Bateman Hall.

"I went next door to watch 'The Simpsons' and when I returned to go lift weights, I was missing about \$150 worth of supplements," Warns said.

Bateman Hall Residential Life Specialist advised Warns to call Campus Safety.

"They came over and I filled out a report. The officer didn't even come in my room to look around, let alone

take fingerprints," Warns said.

"From now on if something gets stolen from my room, I am going to call the real police, not the imitation," Warns said.

Anderson advised other students to keep everything locked up tight.

Guthrie said, "There have been several cases of rooms getting things stolen out of them this fall. I can't speak of any because suspects and cases that are pending.

CAMPUS F•O•C•U•S

Stephanie Kirby
Staff Writer

"What precautions do you take to prevent catching the virus that causes AIDS?"



"I stay with the same partner."
Brenda Mattox



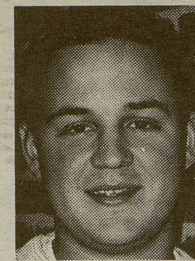
"I try to be mature about the situation and stay away from dangerous opportunities."
Dean Wood



"I have been with the same person for three years. I had a brother who died from AIDS."
Brandi Owen



"I keep up-to-date on new information and practice safe sex."
Lisa Shilvock



"Practicing safe sex."
Brian Spalding

Smokers get away with murder on campus

Jamie Melton
Staff Writer

A college campus can be a deadly place. Just today a hundred people tried to commit murder and no one even blinked. They say it is their civil right, but being strangled by cigarette smoke while just walking down the sidewalk is getting out of control.

People who suffer from asthma are literally sick of gasping for air when they walk into a building. Campus and city

policy requires addicts to not smoke inside buildings, but it does little good if those affected must pass through smokers and second-hand smoke at every entrance.

Just recently in Tyler, businesses such as Mazzio's have discovered this problem and made their facilities "smoke-free environments" so people can enjoy a meal and not have to worry about what is in the air.

Some say it is their right, their life. Whitehouse econom-

ics teacher Doug Dudley put it best when he said, "You have the right to swing your fist, but your right ends at my face." If people that smoke want to commit suicide, they can, but they should be considerate of others around them.

When asthmatic people are rushed to the emergency room after inhaling too much second-hand smoke, often the first thing the doctor says is "there would not be a problem if you just avoided smoke." To do that,

allergic people would have to stay locked in their homes. If they are to avoid cigarettes, they cannot enjoy the park, wait in lines or go to school.

People do have the right to smoke, but smokers should have the thoughtfulness to control only certain areas. If in parks and on campus a few spots were designated for smoking, non-smokers could just avoid those areas.

Who knows, maybe smoking will be unacceptable one day

when everyone wakes up to the dangers involved. Until then we all have to live with one another. Non-smokers really cannot compromise because they are just trying to breathe. We just pray that smokers will reconsider, if not for their own lives and those of their loved ones, at least for that of the innocent bystanders.

Baby doll curbs raging teen hormones

Carla Bass
Staff Writer

I recently discovered that six pounds of flesh-colored plastic can solve the teen pregnancy problem in America.

We're not talking about some exotic new contraceptive here, either. As a home-making and life-skills teacher, my mother drags home from her classes fun stuff like fetal-growth charts or pictures of a dead smoker's lungs.

Recently, she brought home something EVEN WORSE. Almost every year, the students in her classes carry around pink or blue-dyed eggs that are supposed to teach the hormone-infested teenagers: 1) If you leave your egg in your locker for six weeks, the Toxic Waste Disposal Task

Force will be called in to investigate and you'll get out of school for an afternoon, or 2) Babies really hatch from eggs.

This year my forward-thinking mother decided to take a step into the future and invest in something that would more realistically portray teenage parenthood. Hence, the EVEN WORSE: "Baby Think-It-Over." This booby-trapped baby doll looks just like an innocent little toy from the outside. But inside, are enough wiring and electronics to build a nuclear bomb and start World War III. Simply hold "Baby Think-It-Over" the wrong way or forget to "feed" it with a little metal key, and this bundle of joy will scream for 10 to 15 minutes.

To judge the effectiveness

of her new toy, Mom brought it home and tried it on me, her 19-year-old only daughter.

This woman must not want grandchildren. She waited until my boyfriend Tony came to pick me for a date. With an evil little smile, she made that baby scream like a horde of banshees and then handed it to me. I held it, patted it, fed it and even tried to burp it, but nothing worked. When I tried to pass it off to Tony, who was cowering in the corner, I accidentally dropped the baby on its head.

Frightening images began to spin through my mind. My future children, all with big dents in their heads, would grow up as social misfits and send me an advance copy of their sequel to "Mommy Dearest" from prison.

After chucking "Baby Think-It-Over" back to Mom, Tony and I beat a hasty retreat out the door. Before we could escape, Mom stuck her head out the door and yelled, "Are you sure you don't want to take the baby with you on your date?" The squealing tires of Tony's car answered her question.

I know Mom's little experiment worked with me - child-rearing will be nowhere in my near future. As for Tony, I managed to talk him out of joining the monastery and he will almost hold my hand again. I don't know if the diapered bombshell will have this kind of effect on her students, but I do know that I'd rather carry around a dozen eggs for a month than "Baby Think-It-Over" for even one day.

Tyler Junior College News

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HELPING OTHERS-
Freshman Michael
Browning donates
canned food for PATH
in front of Jenkins Hall.
The food drive will last
until Dec. 15.



Faculty, students compete with cans

Staff Writer
Stephanie Kirby

Faculty and staff have challenged students in a food drive, We Can For PATH, for needy Tyler area families.

The contest began Nov. 13 when TJC President Bill Crowe authorized the first contributions from the faculty and student senates. Faculty Senate President Chris Smith said they are not competing for a prize, but "only the sheer joy of winning and knowing that we've contrib-

uted to a good cause."

The faculty and staff will compete against students to see who can raise the most canned and nonperishable food items for PATH, Smith said.

Boxes for collections are in most buildings around campus and at the Regional Training and Development Complex. The donated food will be taken periodically to the White Administration Services Center lobby.

The drive will end Dec. 15.

Students give semester A+

Staff Writer
Anila D'sa

First time college students would give the semester a passing grade.

"I like it here so far," business major Derek Dorey said. He plans to continue at TJC for another year before transferring to a university. "TJC is not that much different than high school. That's the only thing I don't like about it," the freshman said.

Primary education major Linsey Ellison said her year has gone "pretty good" so far. Ellison, a freshman, plans to get her associate's degree before moving on to the University of Houston.

"This semester was pretty cool and the residential life was awesome,"

sophomore Jay Ratcliff, a biomedical science major said. "I'm on my way to A&M in the spring and TJC has been very helpful to me concerning adjusting to college life."

"I think TJC is a great way to start for college instead of going to a university," freshman Stephanie Reeder, a dental hygiene major, said.

Even though TJC has its ups, it also has its downs, sophomore psychology major Angelia Holley said.

"I feel that TJC does not give enough lecture notes. Its lectures could be more specific and detailed. At my other college, they give you a guideline to study by. Here at TJC they let you read too much in a short period of time," Holley said.

Yuletide fest to open Dec. 8

Staff Writer
Willa G. Waddy

The Concert Chorus and Chamber Singers will present their 15th Annual Yuletide Festival at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 and 9 at Rogers Student Center.

"With its pageantry of court danc-

ing, brass fanfare, wassail toasts, processions throughout the hall and a lively jester, The Madrigal Dinner: Ye Olde Yuletide Feast, is a wonderful place to bring a date," Assistant Director Cheryl Rogers said.

Guests will be serenaded by woodwind and guitar consorts and harpsichord. Following dinner and dessert, the royal court will entertain the guests.

"It will be an evening of fun and fellowship complementing the Christmas season," Chamber Singers' Director Andrew Skoog said.

Rodgers said 500 persons attended the two-day festival last year and she expects the same turnout this year.

Tickets cost \$15 per person in the Financial Services Offices on the second floor of the White Administrative Services Center. Ticketholders may select their table and seats on a first-come, first-served basis, when they pick up their tickets.

For reservation information call Kristi Bennett at 903-510-2720.

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• **Avoid contact with another person's blood, semen, or vaginal fluid.**

• **Never share any kind of needle or syringe.** Any object that breaks the skin should not be shared.

• **Do not use drugs or alcohol.** They keep you from thinking clearly and cause you to make unwise decisions.

• **Call the National AIDS Information Hotline at 1-800-342-AIDS** for information on testing.

Information provided by American Red Cross "HIV and AIDS" brochure.

AIDS wildfire rages across America

Lucia Dulin Hawkins
Staff Writer

It is sweeping the nation with the force and destruction of a forest fire. What started as a smoldering ember in the mid-80's has become a fireball. The AIDS epidemic, by the year 2000 will affect every family in the United States, Dr. David Wiley told an audience that packed Gentry Gym earlier this month.

Wiley, associate professor in health education from Southwest Texas State University, talked about how students constantly face sets of double standards. What they see in advertising campaigns is not related to what they are trying to sell.

"What is normal? The advertisers teach you that you can only enjoy life with alcohol," he said. "The messages are mixed and confusing."

Three I's in adolescence: **Invincible** - that won't happen

to me; **Immune** - you're surprised when you get sick; **Infertile** - you're surprised when you get pregnant, subject young people to danger.

"Magical thinking doesn't count," Wiley said.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus makes people vulnerable to diseases they normally would be immune to. HIV is transferred through semen, the vagina, blood stream, breast-milk and in other body fluids.

When a person is tested for HIV, health officials test for antibodies, not the virus. When a person becomes infected, it can take six weeks to six months to develop antibodies that will show up on an HIV test. This time between contracting the virus and production of antibodies is a window when tests may not show antibodies.

Wiley emphasized that young people must change

their way of thinking to help fight the AIDS epidemic. He said condoms are not the answer because they are not 100 percent effective, and they just don't work if you only use them on some occasions and not on others.

Wiley stressed the importance of everyone who is sexually active getting tested more than once for HIV antibodies, because the window for the developing antibodies after exposure is six weeks to six months, a single positive test doesn't mean anything until this period has passed.

Anyone who handles cerebral spinal fluid should be particularly concerned with being tested, as should those who have abnormally low T-cell counts.

"Just say KNOW when it comes to living your life. Be a thoroughbred and live your life to win the race," Wiley said.

Signs of STDs Women

• Redness, sores, blisters, bumps, rash or warts in the genital area.

• Unusual discharge or smell from your vagina. This discharge may be thicker or more yellow than your normal discharge.

• Painful or burning sensation when urinating.

• Pain in your pelvic area.

• Bleeding from your vagina when it is not time for your regular period.

• An itchy rash around your vagina.

• Rectal itching, pain or discharge.

• Pain deep inside your vagina when you have sex.

Men

• Redness, sores, blisters, bumps, rash or warts in the genital area.

• Burning or pain when you urinate.

• Drip or discharge from your penis. This drip could be thick and yellow or watery. It could be very slight or heavy.

• Rectal itching, pain or discharge.

Remember

STDs don't always have symptoms, so if you think you may have an STD or if you are at risk of getting an STD, see your doctor or other health care provider for a complete exam.

Questions?

Call the National STD Hotline at 1-800-227-8922.

Information from "There's something you should know... Important Information About Sexually Transmitted Diseases" brochure.

HIS House helps AIDS patients, educates others

Connie Conner
Staff Writer

"HIS House is a hospice for people with AIDS and a resource center that teaches AIDS awareness. The House is about people helping people. Volunteers join to make a home, not just physically but emotionally.

One HIS House goal is to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. Volunteers believe education is the key. They have formed a teen peers counselor group called TNT, Teens in Touch, open to anyone. TNT youth speak to other young people at schools and communities about sex and peer pressure. They promote health and show other teens how to have relationships without sex.

Eighty patients died since HIS House opened. They have ranged from 3 weeks to 73 years old, but the average person is 30. They have been of different races and colors.

Fitchett opened the house in November, 1989 to deal with the breakdown between family and friends of AIDS patients.

"There was no network or support for the patients who had AIDS," Fitchett said, but a lot of fear surrounded the disease.

Fitchett, then a chaplain at University of Texas Health Center, started a support group there. "Seventy-year-old parents were trying to care, emotionally and physically, for 30-year-old children. They just couldn't handle the load," Fitchett said. The support group evolved into the "Next Step Group" to help parents and patients.

When Fitchett met Jay who had no place to go and took him in. Others soon emerged and HIS House evolved.

Volunteers and caretakers began to help. Soon Fitchett was in trouble for operating a care facility without a license

which focused her on a new set of goals: if she were going to operate a care facility, it would provide more than patient care.

"There was no network or support for the patients who had AIDS," Fitchett said, but a lot of fear surrounded the disease.

HIS House is licensed by the state of Texas as a hospice and AIDS residential care facility to provide care on three levels: homeless or displaced, for transitional patients and permanent hospice care. The House is also a resource center for anyone interested in learning more about AIDS.

Care allows patients who live with their families a place to take a break. HIS Houses provides support groups and counseling. The HIV positive who work and are too tired at

the end of their day to cook can eat at the supper club.

HIS House staff deals with attitudes, knowledge and behavior. Patients feel a range of emotions. Volunteers help them learn to protect and take care of themselves so they may live longer. The staff must learn to work with personality disorders because there isn't time to fix them Fitchett said. She is proud that many original volunteers are still working despite the burnout rate for this kind of work.

Fitchett does presentations all over Tyler Independent School District.

HIS House is maintained and supported by the community, fees and private donations, churches and many volunteers and fund-raisers. Dr. Robert Thompson, the medical director, oversees regular patient care. Volunteers include therapists, nurses, counselors, board members, students and

church youth groups who paint and repair the house.

"The neighbors have been wonderfully supportive and they treat us like every other neighbor," Fitchett said. "When we have yard sales to raise money, they always pitch in and help."

Early intervention: student opinions vary

Jamie Melton
Staff Writer

The trial run for Early Intervention is coming to a close as the semester ends. Opinions are still mixed about the usefulness of the policy change.

"I think it's a good idea, because if people are notified that their grades are low, that gives them a chance to pick it up," freshman psychology major Melanie Maxfield of Van said.

Maxfield said she also liked the idea of the letters being sent home to the permanent address rather than the student's living quarters because, "most parents are paying the tuition anyway. They should be aware if their child is passing or failing."

Freshman psychology major Ryan Audrey of Gilmer disagrees. He said, "College students are not children and should not be treated as such."

Freshman Dale Martin of Bullard said he also does not like the letters being sent to parents.

"I think when the student registers, they should be asked

where to send their grade reports," he said.

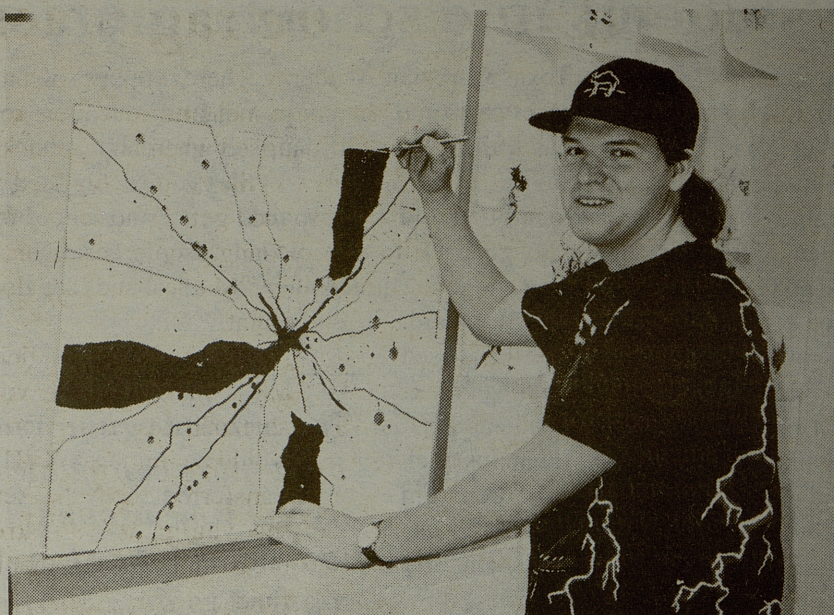
On the other hand, some students believe grades should not be the instructors' responsibility at all.

"I don't like it," freshman Dana Cantrell of Bullard said. "I feel that sending midterm reports would be more effective than the current policy. I feel it is the student's responsibility to keep up with absences and borderline grades, not the teacher's."

Freshman biology major Kenya Trimble of Whitehouse disagrees with the early intervention policy.

"I don't believe we need weekly reports," Trimble said. "We have now reached adulthood and should be treated like adults. Furthermore, we all paid money to attend college. It should be up to us to get our money's worth."

"The whole policy is contradictory," freshman Terry Regis of Chandler said. "It wants the students to be grown up but it seems like a high school, having parents check up on students."



BETTER THE SECOND TIME AROUND - Art student Curtis George puts the finishing touches on his recycled art project. Design instructor C. J. Cavanaugh collected scraps from a local hospital construction site for his students' creations.

Photo by Nancy Garcia

Artists use leftovers for original works

Misty Cranfill
Staff Writer

Recycling is increasing on campus. The art program is inventing alternatives to reuse trash in artistic ways.

Some art works made with recycled materials plus others will appear in the end-of-semester exhibit which opens Monday in the halls of Jenkins near the art area.

"Last semester we began doing three-dimensional design projects. I thought that Styrofoam would be a nice material to use," Design Instructor C.J. Cavanaugh said. He retrieved some scraps from a local hospital

construction site for his art classes.

Styrofoam is fairly easy to cut, paint and assemble and tons of it are thrown out each day. Art students are turning it into treasure.

"The students really enjoy making reliefs (art that hangs on walls). Last semester some of the students used Styrofoam in their art for an exhibit. It's lightweight and adds a nice 3-D effect," Cavanaugh said.

Art students and their instructors have found that two dimensional works such as printmaking also can benefit from unwanted scraps.

"Another local hospital had some leftovers of plastic bulletin board, and gave it to us to use," Cavanaugh said. Students carve their design into the squares of the bulletin board, then use a printing press and ink to transfer the design onto paper.

"I used the print style during high school, but we usually used linoleum. I think this carves out a lot better and it is much cheaper. I have used the linocut on the bulletin board to make Christmas cards, and I think they have turned out nice." Sophomore Lamonte Blaycock said.

Interim presidency prepared Crowe for new role

Carla Bass
Staff Writer

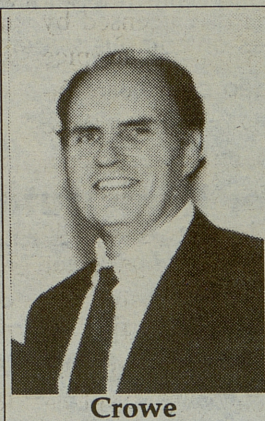
Although the chain of office has hung on his office wall for only one semester, TJC President William R. Crowe said the 14 months he worked as interim president prepared him to handle the challenges of his new job.

"As an interim president, your outlook is different," Crowe said. "It's really hard to plan because you don't know how long you'll be there, but I knew what to expect when I became president."

Crowe filled the position after President Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins took early retirement in July, 1994. Crowe had joined the college staff as campus safety director 11 years. He was dean

of students from 1985-1989, humanities and social sciences from 1989-1992 and business and technology from 1992-1994. Last spring, the Board of Trustees unanimously selected Crowe president from 12 finalists chosen from a list of 67 applicants.

At his Sept. 17 inauguration, he mentioned campus accessibility and



Crowe

technology as two areas he wanted to improve. He had started on these two goals with an interim with projects such as the campus-wide electronic loop. Installed this fall, this system hooks faculty computers through E-mail and Internet.

"We're moving along fairly well on this project - we've put almost \$1 million into putting the electronic loop through the buildings," Crowe said. "Our next step will be to make more technology available in the classroom."

Crowe said in the future he would even like for the College to loan every student a notebook computer.

In addition to the technology quest, Crowe also strives to keep a personal touch. Along with several deans, he

invites the top 10 seniors from area high schools to tour the campus and have lunch with them.

"I started this after the coaches wanted me to talk to some of the students they were trying to recruit last spring," Crowe said. "I decided that if we were going to do this for our athletes, we should do it for the area's top students as well."

Next semester, Crowe hopes to increase enrollment and try to satisfy the needs of a diverse range of students.

"I want [TJC] to become an adaptable organization," Crowe said. "One of the pitfalls of being a large organization is that sometimes we're inclined to do things the same way we've always done them."

Returning students find school a more enjoyable experience now

Lucia Dulin Hawkins
Staff Writer

Students returning to college after being out of school for a few years find learning an enjoyable experience.

Elton Arnold who is studying to be a respiratory therapist, plans to transfer to University of Texas at Galveston and become an anaesthetist.

Despite seven years of schooling ahead, Arnold doesn't flinch. "It's a new beginning, and a lot more enjoyable the second time around," he said. "I am now doing what I always wanted to do, but I had my children to raise."

Arnold thinks it is a shame that students don't take their schooling more seriously. He certainly does, but can also have a good time with it. "I look at school as fun," he said.

Families play an important part for returning students who are majoring in education.

Lynn Wheat came to TJC a year ago. In 1985 Wheat attended Houston Community College for 18 months where she had started a business major.

Motivating her to come back to school and train for a teaching career was her eight-year-old son who has Attention Deficit Disorder. He attends

East Texas Christian Academy where she works part-time as an aide. Wheat also has a three-year-old daughter in preschool.

When I first told my husband I was going to go back to school, he was surprised and didn't quite know how to take it," she said.

"But now he is used to it and very excited and supportive. He helps pick up the children from school and is involved with my schoolwork.

After majoring in business at Baylor in 1983, Louanne Bibby from Lindale, married and started a family.

"When my children went to school and I started helping them with their projects and assisting at their school, I realized that was where I wanted to be — in the teaching profession," Bibby said, "not in the business world as I had first intended."

Bibby works part-time three days a week at a Lindale pharmacy. She esti-

mates she has two-and-a-half years of education courses to take before she can teach.

Juggling children, part-time jobs and school work for Wheat and Bibby is easier because understanding husbands are always there to help with the extras, they said.

Mark Foley also has his sights set on elementary teaching. Foley is splitting his course work between TJC and University of Texas at Tyler. Originally from

California, Foley moved to Tyler because his daughter wanted him here. He saw it as an opportunity to return to school.

"I quit college previously with 52 hours," Foley said. "At the junior level, I find the courses easier than before, but I am now more focused. The subject matter is not necessarily easier."

Tonya Browning said if she can't teach at elementary level, she would

like to teach upper level math. "I love math," Browning said. She will have about two more years of schooling. Browning and her family have moved several times with her husband's business, but in each new city, she has been able to add more courses to her college education.

"I have been in school for about four years already," Browning said.

"My young son gave me the inspiration to come back to school," she said. "One day I looked at him and I knew I wanted more for him and for my family."

Sophomore journalism major Willa Waddy said she decided to come back to school because a degree is necessary in today's world. Waddy has two sons, one a 23-year-old university student and the other a 7-year-old at home, who always takes quite an interest in her studies.

"The only thing I regret about getting my degree is that I didn't get it right after high school," Waddy said.

Waddy said coming back to school means a lot of sacrifice, but she would do it all over again if given the same opportunities.

"It's a new beginning, and a lot more enjoyable the second time around. I am now doing what I always wanted to do..." Arnold said.



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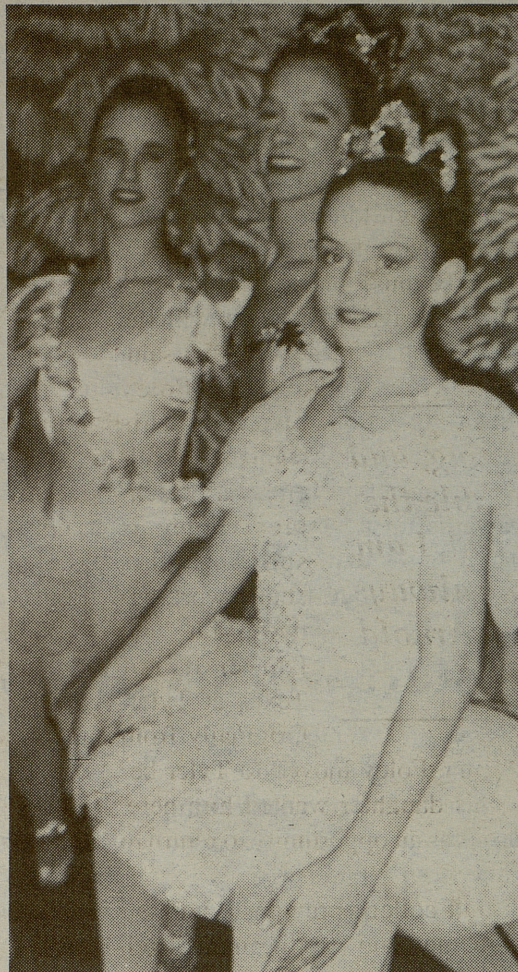
Texas kids create 'Nutcracker'

Willa G. Waddy
Staff Writer

The "Nutcracker" ballet, first performed in Russia in December, 1892, has become a Christmas tradition in America. East Texas young people are pulled together—many for the first time—to be a part of this musical production, now a tradition at TJC.

College Dance Instructor Paula Sansom directs 150 dancers ages 6 to 45 years old in the "Nutcracker" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, at Wise Auditorium.

"Seeing a ballerina on her toes, snow falling and a tree that really grows just adds to the magic," Sansom said. "It's the live performance aspect, not TV or video, that keeps the children who attend the 'Nutcracker' each year



Homegrown Talent—Young ballerinas Emily Monn, Katie Hass and Laura Barbee will be among 150 dancers in the classic Christmas ballet, "The Nutcracker" his weekend in Wise Auditorium. Tickets cost \$6 at the cashier's office in White Center or other locations.

Photo by
Willa G. Waddy

enthralled."

In the seventh production at TJC guest artists Joseph Woelful and Irina Ushakova will join the cast as Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier.

Tickets cost \$6 at All That Jaz, 6004 S. Broadway, The Athlete, 2528 S. Broadway and the cashier's office in White Administrative Service Center.

'Foreigner' arrives

Andrea Deegan
Staff Writer

The Foreigner opened yesterday and runs through Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee, in Jean Browne Theatre.

"It's about a foreigner named Charlie and his friend Froggy, who brings him to the country where he can get away," sound crew head Margaret Jansen said. Froggy takes Charlie to a country inn, and tells everyone that Charlie cannot speak English.

Nolan Shaver plays Charlie and Albert "Ace" Freeman is Froggy. Other characters are: Adam Rodriguez as Betty, Cindy Ball as Katherine, Amanda McLeod as Eller, Marcus Lomas as David, and Jason

Coleman as Owen. Speech Instructor Jacque Shachelford directs.

Jansen's job requires listening to CDs and tapes of sound effects to select the right sounds for the play. She also learns about wiring and speakers in the Theater.

Nolan Shaver, Jewell Francis, and Susie Fannin assist her with sound. Others working behind the scenes are: lights headed by George Fields, props overseen by Jenny Richard, and make-up by Ginger Gilmer.

Stage manager Cody Hobbs is responsible for the set. DeAnna Boyd manages the theatre and public relations, and Paul Dudek and Jill Lide handle the box office. Susie Fannin is assistant director.

SUMMER CAMP JOBS

Pine Cove Christian Camps in Tyler, Texas, are separate recreational camps for children, youth and families.

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Down in the Dump - Students recently earned an award for turning in 3.45 tons of newspapers, magazines and catalogs this semester to the Laidlaw Waste Systems recycling bins on campus. Laidlaw representative Lisa Tarr presented the certificate to Student Senate President Dennis Cliborn and Vice President Tim McConico. The recycling bins, open 24 hours a day, are on faculty parking lots across from the HPE Center and on the lower-level parking lot between the Genecov and Pirtle buildings. A portion of the proceeds from sale of collected materials goes to the College.

Touchstone entries due

Misty Cranfill
Staff Writer

The deadline for TJC Touchstone is Dec. 15. That's just two weeks to get poetry, short stories, essays and art work turned into the Liberal and Fine Arts dean's office.

Last year's Touchstone won two awards at the recent Texas Community College Associa-

tion of Journalisms Convention. The Touchstone placed third overall in general and excellence. Photos by Kevin Ray Harris won second.

Students who want to work on the 1996 edition should sign up for COMM 1131 during spring registration. The course is a minimester that runs 12-4:30 p.m. Jan. 16-March 8, 1996.

Writers start workshop

Lucia Dulin Hawkins
Staff Writer

Area writers have organized an association designed for writers from the Tyler, Jacksonville, Palestine and Athens areas.

Writers met yesterday in the city hall annex conference room in Frankston, 17 miles

south of Tyler on Hwy 155. These workshops will meet monthly.

The purpose of these meetings is to help people focus their creative ideas, organize their manuscripts and iron out problems.

For more information, contact Mike or Judy Ashley at 876-3488.

Fall Final Exam Schedule

Class Time Exam Time:

Monday, Dec. 11

7 a.m. MWF	8-9:50 a.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m. M	5:35-7:25 p.m.
9 a.m. MWF	10-11:50 a.m.
5:35 p.m. MW	5:35-7:25 p.m.
11 a.m. MWF	1-2:50 p.m.
7 p.m. M	7:35-9:25 p.m.
1 p.m. MWF	3-4:50 p.m.
7 p.m. MW	7:35-9:25 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

7 a.m. TR	8-9:50 a.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m. T	5:35-7:25 p.m.
9:50 a.m. TR	10-11:50 a.m.
5:35 p.m. TR	5:35-7:25 p.m.
12:40 p.m. TR	1-2:50 p.m.
7 p.m. T	7:35-9:25 p.m.
2:05 p.m. TR	3-4:50 p.m.
7 p.m. TR	7:35-9:25 p.m.

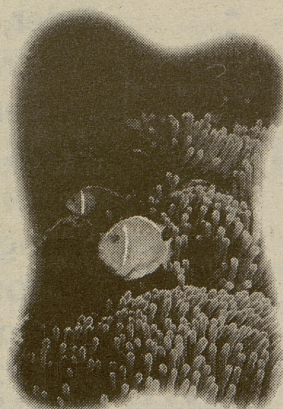
Wednesday Dec. 13

8 a.m. MWF	8-9:50 a.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m. W	5:35-7:25 p.m.
10 a.m. MWF	10-11:50 a.m.
7 p.m. W	7:35-9:25 p.m.
12 p.m. MWF	1-2:50 p.m.
8:25 p.m. MW	7:35-9:25 p.m.
2 p.m. MWF	3-4:50 p.m.

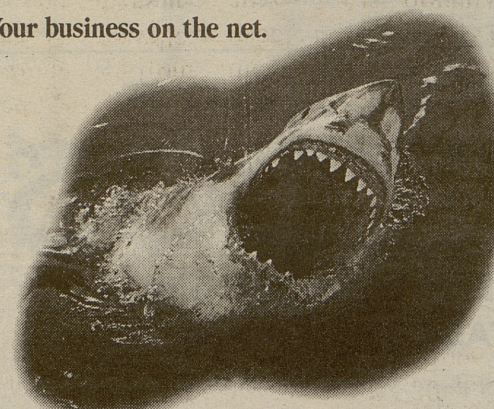
Thursday, Dec. 14

8:25 a.m. TR	8-9:50 a.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m. R	5:35-7:25 p.m.
11:15 a.m. TR	10-11:50 a.m.
7 p.m. R	7:35-9:25 p.m.
3 p.m. MWF	1-2:50 p.m.
8:25 p.m. TR	7:35-9:25 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	3-4:50 p.m.

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